

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

swy 7 1. For use with an electronic mail (e-mail) program, a ✓
B- system for establishing relationships between hypertext references
contained in e-mail messages received by said e-mail program,
comprising:

5 a message parser that locates hypertext references in first
6 and second e-mail messages received by said e-mail program; and
7 a message organizer that allows a user to choose to display
8 said first and second e-mail messages in an order that is based on
9 said hypertext references.

2 2. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said message
3 organizer further causes said e-mail program to display a message
field containing said hypertext references.

swy 3. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said first e-
C17 mail message is selected from the group consisting of:
2 a direct e-mail message, and
3 a newsgroup posting.
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2 4. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said hypertext
3 references have associated viewing statuses, said message organizer
identically marking viewing statuses of identical ones of said

4 hypertext references.

Sub B2 7 5. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said message
2 parser parses said hypertext references to determine relationships
3 therebetween.

Sub C17 6. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said hypertext
2 references are uniform resource locators (URLs).

7. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said message
2 organizer allows said user to view referenced resources according
3 to said order.

8. The system as recited in Claim 1 further comprising a
2 browser and wherein said message organizer is capable of employing
3 said browser to view information associated with said hypertext
4 references.

9. The system as recited in Claim 8 wherein said browser is
2 capable of paging between pages of information associated with said
3 hypertext references of said message organizer and said browser
4 identically marks viewing statuses of identical ones of said
5 hypertext references.

583 10. For use with an electronic mail (e-mail) program, a ✓
2 method of establishing relationships between hypertext references
3 contained in e-mail messages received by said e-mail program,
4 comprising:
5 locating hypertext references in first and second e-mail
6 messages received by said e-mail program; and
7 allowing a user to choose to display said first and second e-
8 mail messages in an order that is based on said hypertext
9 references.

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A1 11. The method as recited in Claim 10 further comprising
2 further causing said e-mail program to display a message field
3 containing said hypertext references.

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C1 12. The method as recited in Claim 10 wherein said first e-
2 mail message is selected from the group consisting of:
3 a direct e-mail message, and
4 a newsgroup posting.

13. The method as recited in Claim 10 wherein said hypertext
2 references have associated viewing statuses, said method comprising
3 identically marking viewing statuses of identical ones of said
4 hypertext references.

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2 parsing said hypertext references to determine relationships
3 therebetween.

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2 references are uniform resource locators (URLs).

16. The method as recited in Claim 10 further comprising
2 allowing said user to view referenced resources according to said
3 order.

17. The method as recited in Claim 10 further comprising
2 invoking a browser to view information associated with said
3 hypertext references.

18. The method as recited in Claim 17 further comprising:
2 paging between pages of information associated with said
3 hypertext references of said message organizer; and
4 identically marking viewing statuses of identical ones of said
5 hypertext references.

sub 135 19. An electronic mail (e-mail) program, comprising:
2 a message receiver;
3 a message transmitter coupled to said message receiver;
4 a message composer coupled to said message transmitter;
5 a message store coupled to said message composer; and
6 a system, associated with said message store, for establishing
7 relationships between hypertext references contained in e-mail
8 messages received by said e-mail program, including:

9 a message parser that locates hypertext references in
10 first and second e-mail messages received by said e-mail
11 program, and

12 a message organizer that allows a user to choose to
13 display said first and second e-mail messages in an order that
14 is based on said hypertext references.

20. The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said
2 message organizer further causes said e-mail program to display a
3 message field containing said hypertext references.

sub 17 21. The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said
2 first e-mail message is selected from the group consisting of:
3 a direct e-mail message, and
4 a newsgroup posting.

22. The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said
2 hypertext references have associated viewing statuses, said message
3 organizer identically marking viewing statuses of identical ones of
4 said hypertext references.

Sub B6 23. The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said
2 message parser parses said hypertext references to determine
3 relationships therebetween.

Sub C 24. The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said
2 hypertext references are uniform resource locators (URLs).

25. The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 wherein said
2 message organizer allows said user to view referenced resources
3 according to said order.

26. The e-mail program as recited in Claim 19 further
2 comprising a browser and wherein said message organizer is capable
3 of employing said browser to view information associated with said
4 hypertext references.

27. The e-mail program as recited in Claim 26 wherein said
2 browser is capable of paging between pages of information
3 associated with said hypertext references of said message organizer
4 and said browser identically marks viewing statuses of identical

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